

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Harder et al.

Examiner: Frazier, Barbara S.

Ser. No.: 10/535,084

Art Group: 4173

Title: THE USE OF ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS FROM THE GROUP CONTAINING  
YTTRIUM, NEODYMIUM AND ZIRCONIUM

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST**  
**FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This letter is responsive to the final Office Action mailed 4 September 2008. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – none;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2;

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – none;

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 5.